

not to resort thither beyond the Time of Fishing, and Drying of Fish.

As it seems clear, by the Terms of this Treaty, that the *French* Plenipotentiaries were better instructed than ours, in Regard to the Value of the Fishery; they chose the North Part of the Coast, where the Fish are more plentiful, better in Kind, and are dried in a great deal less Time; the Air being clear and dry, during the Fishing Seasons; by which Means, they cure their Fish at much less Expence, and get to the Markets sooner than our People possibly can; and, consequently, carry their Fish there in better Condition than we do ours: Because the South Part of this Coast, where our People fish, is always covered with Fogs, and mizzling Rains; which keep the Fish so long in drying, that the Maggots breed in them, and render them of less Value, at the *European* Markets. But within a few Years after the signing of the aforesaid Treaty, our People became perfectly acquainted with the Difference between the North and South Parts of the said Island, and how much the North Part was